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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF

DONG et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/252,828✓

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EXAMINER: D. VENCI

ATTY. DKT. NO. 113019.179 US1

FOR: RECOMBINANT BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE HUMAN ZONA PELLUCIDA PROTEIN 3 (hZP3) TO TEST MALE FERTILITY

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, for which a response is due on or before October 1, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Sequence Listing** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Sequence Listing**

Please replace the paper copy of the Sequence Listing with the enclosed substitute sheets. A substitute computer readable form (3½-inch diskette) is also enclosed. The information recorded in computer readable form on the diskette is identical to the written Sequence Listing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f).